

Campus Crime Prevention and Campus Safety Survey Findings

The survey was distributed to all 39 public higher education institutions in Virginia. The response rate was 61% (24 responses). Sixteen of 24, 2-year institutions responded and 8 of the 15, 4-year institutions responded.

Size of Campus

The campus populations (including student, faculty, and staff) of the institutions that responded varied in size.

Under 5,000 – 9 institutions
5,001 to 10,000 – 5 institutions
10,001 to 15,000 – 3 institutions
15,001 to 20,000 – 2 institutions
Above 20,001 – 5 institutions

Departmental Configuration

Police department only – 6 institutions
Security department only – 6 institutions
Police and security department – 11 institutions
Neither police nor security department – 1 institution

Crime Prevention Program Target Audience

Students only – 4 institutions
Faculty and staff – 1 institution
Students, faculty, and staff – 17 institutions
No response – 2 institutions

Frequency of Crime Prevention Program Events

Monthly or more frequently – 7 institutions
Quarterly – 2 institutions
Semi-annually/Periodically – 6 institutions
Annually – 3 institutions
Not regularly scheduled – 3 institutions
No response – 3 institutions

Crime Prevention Program Budget Change in last 5 years

No change – 11 institutions
Increased – 9 institutions
Decreased – 2 institutions
No response – 2 institutions

Campus Safety Program Target Audience

Students only – 4 institutions
Faculty and staff only – 2 institutions
Students, faculty, and staff – 12 institutions
No response – 6 institutions

Frequency of Campus Safety Program Events

Monthly or more frequently– 5 institutions
Quarterly – 2 institutions
Semi-annually/Periodically – 6 institutions
Annually – 3 institutions
Not regularly scheduled – 1 institution
No response – 7 institutions

Campus Safety Program Budget Change in last 5 years

No change – 7 institutions
Increased – 9 institutions
Decreased – 2 institutions
No response – 6 institutions

Crime Prevention - Most often cited areas for improvement

1. Offer Theft Prevention programs. (7 institutions)
2. Offer Relationship/Sexual Assault/ Violence programs. (5 institutions)
3. Offer Alcohol/Drug Awareness programs. (4 institutions)
4. Offer Active Shooter programs. (4 institutions)
5. Offer Threat Assessment programs. (4 institutions)
6. Offer Personal Safety/Criminal activity awareness programs (4 institutions)

Campus Safety – Most often cited areas for improvement

1. Need more victim prevention / safety programs for students (sexual assault / theft / alcohol). (7 institutions)
2. Hazards/OSHA/ Building Warden training for staff. (4 institutions)
3. More police / security personnel. (4 institutions)
4. Facilities security / safety improvements (key access / locks). (3 institutions)
5. Active shooter / hostile intruder exercises. (3 institutions)